

Including You

BT's guide to help you communicate



Welcome

In this guide, you'll find information about our standard and more specialised products and services. We hope that it will be useful for everyone but it's especially aimed at our customers who find communication more challenging.

We understand that everyone has different communication needs and, while we don't want to make assumptions about what you can or can't do, or want to do, we hope you'll find enough information to make informed decisions.

We've brought together lots of information about our products and services, help and support, news, advice, information – and much more – all in one place, at www.bt.com/includingyou

The Including You web site is fully accessible and you can alter font sizes and background colour to suit your needs. It's compatible with Browsealoud – which reads web pages aloud and highlights each word as it's spoken – useful if you need help reading or seeing a computer screen. Many pages also have information in British Sign Language (BSL).


This booklet is free of charge. You can get a copy, or copies, by going to our download section on the Including You web site or by calling **0800 800 150**. It's also available in:

- large print
- Braille
- audio CD



If you're a textphone user, you can contact any of the numbers shown in this guide by inserting the prefix **18001**.

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Hearing

We know that your hearing is as individual as you are and what helps one person might not be so useful for another. So it makes sense to get as much information as you can before you decide which product's right for you.



We all hear things differently through a phone handset because the sounds are changed. And as we get older, our hearing changes too. This is natural and you shouldn't worry if you think your hearing's changed.

But if you're concerned that your hearing isn't as sharp as it used to be or if you know someone who's having trouble on the phone, you can find lots of helpful information at www.bt.com/hearinghealth

When you're looking for a phone, here are some features that can help you hear your caller's voice:

- incoming speech amplification
- inductive coupler to work with a hearing aid on the 'T' setting.

Look for this symbol:



- hands free operation so sound reaches both ears at once
- some phones have the keypad in the handset. So you might prefer a phone with the keys on the base so you can keep the handset near to your ear to hear any automatic announcements as you dial
- headsets can be useful if you want to reduce background noise.
See page 33 for more information

Digital cordless phones have better sound quality than analogue cordless phones but generally don't have an inductive coupler. Some models have an 'in the ear' headset option with a headset socket. If you use an analogue hearing aid, you might be able to reduce interference by using a portable inductive loop in place of the headset.

For more information on which phones might suit you, see page 21.

Helping you hear your phone ring with a Tonecaller

If you have trouble hearing your phone ring, you might find it helpful to get a new phone with a choice of ring tones and volumes. Or a phone with a visual call indicator might help.

But if you still miss calls you might find that an extra alert is useful. BT can supply a Tonecaller, which rings at the same time as your phone and comes with a volume control and a choice of four different tones. Or a loud extension bell with a deeper tone may be useful.

If you're a BT home customer and are hard of hearing, we'll supply a Tonecaller, free of charge, with a socket doubler for easy self installation next to the phone.



If the alert would help more if it was placed away from the phone, we can install an extension socket for use with a Tonecaller or a loud extension bell free of charge (one per residential customer). **To order call 0800 800 150.**



Remember: if you've got a broadband line, you need to use an ADSL filter between the phone socket and the alerting device. See page 26 for more details.

Sound Connections

Sound Connections is our no-nonsense guide that shows how you can get clearer or louder speech on the phone, including how to use hearing aids and phones together. It's recommended by Hearing Link to hard of hearing people and the professionals who advise them.

To read or download Sound Connections, click on 'Useful downloads' on the 'Help' page at www.bt.com/includingyou

Communication Choices: for deaf or hard of hearing people

Communication Choices is a BT guide that helps you find the best way to communicate if you're deaf or hard of hearing. It's mainly about phones but it also shows you how the internet and other technologies can help.

To read or download Communication Choices, click on 'Useful downloads' on the 'Help' page at www.bt.com/includingyou

BT Text

Text messaging or Short Message Service (SMS) is a quick, cheap and easy way to keep in touch and is particularly useful if you've got a hearing or speech impairment.

To be able to send texts, you need an SMS compatible phone and Caller Display or Privacy at Home. Caller Display is free with Privacy at Home, or it could be one of the services included with your Calling Features pack. Your Calling Plan might also come with inclusive texts (see www.bt.com/bttext) letting you send free texts from your landline.



With an SMS enabled phone plugged into your BT landline, and BT's Caller Display service, you can send and receive text messages to and from other landlines that have SMS enabled phones as well as to and from mobile phones.

Text messages sent to standard phones or to lines without Caller Display will be delivered as voice messages. If you want to make sure that any text message you send to someone with a visual impairment is received as a spoken message, insert *3# at the beginning of the message.

For more information, go to www.bt.com/callingfeatures

Text Relay

If you use a textphone, Text Relay helps you communicate with people who use a standard phone or another textphone (sometimes called a minicom). When needed, a relay assistant will translate the text to voice and the voice to text.

If you're a BT customer and use Text Relay, there's no extra charge for the service and we automatically apply a rebate for the text portion of applicable calls. If you aren't a BT customer, contact your supplier for more information.

For more information about Text Relay, go to www.textrelay.org, call **0800 731 1888** (voice), **0800 500 888** (text) or email helpline@textrelay.org

Textphones

If you struggle to hear speech on the phone, a textphone might help. Textphones help people with a hearing or speech impairment to have typed phone conversations either person-to-person or via a relay assistant.

There are many different models of textphone. Find out more at www.textrelay.org





Sight

The term visual impairment covers a wide range of types and degrees of sight loss and this means it affects everyone in different ways and to a different extent. The way you deal with any visual impairment will be personal to you.



Here are some features to consider which might help when choosing a phone:

- cordless with the keypad in the phone handset or a wall-mountable corded phone so you can see the numbers close up
- keypad beeps so you know you've pressed the buttons
- voice prompts to help with set-up or special features
- loudspeaker so you can make notes by hand or by a Braille note taker
- illuminated keypad

plus...

Memory store with easy access for the numbers you use most

Clear, good sized text on LCDs

Large, well-spaced keys with good contrast between background colour and number

A raised dot on the 5 key to help you move around the keypad



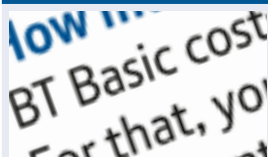
For more information on phones, see page 21.

Other ways to get literature and information from BT

If you've problems seeing or reading standard print, BT's printed information is available in alternative formats free of charge.

You can get standard BT literature in:

Large print



Produced in 20 point clear font

Audio



Provided on audio CD

Braille



Single-sided in Grade 2 abbreviated

- Our audio CD billing information includes an audio CD file, an MP3 file and a text file. The CD can be played on CD and DVD players and PCs, and the text file is compatible with screen-reading software on PCs.

To order alternative media bills, go to www.bt.com/billformats or call **0800 800 150**.

- If you find it difficult to use or read The Phone Book, try using the online version – it's free at www.thephonebook.bt.com. Or you might be able to get our 195 free directory enquiry service. For an application form, call the registration team on **0800 587 0195**. We're open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.
- If you use the BT 1471 or BT Answer 1571 services, you can return the last call made to you by pressing a single button. There's a standard call and set-up charge for this but if you're a BT customer and registered with our free 195 directory service, you won't need to pay the call set-up charge.
- For information on spoken text messages via BT Text, see page 7.
- For ideas on adaptations to make your computer more accessible, see page 42.



Speech and language

Your own voice quality might affect how well you're able to communicate over the phone. This could be because you have a quiet voice, use a speech output device or because you have difficulty pronouncing some words. Here are some ideas that might help.



Take control

You've probably worked out the best ways to make and take phone calls – and if your ability to speak is affected by day-to-day circumstances, there might be products that can help you too.

Making calls

- Preparing in advance will help you to have the most control over your call.
- Have any details you might need with you before you start the call.
- Make notes about what you want to say and keep them handy while you're talking.
- Note down key words to prompt you.

Answering calls

- Never rush to answer a call, do it in your own time.
- Use BT Caller Display to check who's calling you. Only answer if you feel you want to. BT Caller Display is included with BT Privacy at Home – see page 51 for more information. (You might need to pay an additional fee and get a new phone if your phone isn't enabled for Caller Display.)
- Let an answering machine or BT Answer 1571 take the call and you can ring the caller back when you're ready to talk.
- Record your conversations so that you can identify problem words and work on your phone technique.



Helping others hear you

If you've a quiet voice the person you're speaking to might not be able to hear you. Apart from being frustrating, repeating yourself wastes your time and money. A phone with outgoing voice amplification will increase the power and volume of your voice.

If you have no useable voice you could consider using a textphone that allows typed phone conversations. For more information see page 8 or go to www.textrelay.org

If you use a speech output device you could use a phone with a hands free (loudspeaker) feature to pick up the audio output and transmit it down the line so you don't need to hold the handset near the device.

A loudspeaker phone might be useful if, for example, someone is there to monitor the call and help if necessary.

BT Text

You might think that text messaging or Short Message Service (SMS) is more for people with hearing difficulties but SMS can also help if you've got a speech or language impairment. You can find out more about BT Text on page 7.



Mobility

If you've a problem moving around, advances in communication technology mean that this doesn't have to affect your independence. Here are some ideas to help you make your phone work harder for you.

Bringing the phone to you

An extension cord or, more safely, an extra socket can let you have the phone in a more accessible place. You can buy DIY extension socket kits and cords from www.bt.com/shop and other retail outlets. Or you could ask BT to fit a socket for you. Just call **0800 800 150**. There's a standard charge for this.



Taking the phone with you

A cordless phone is a good alternative to fitting extra sockets and gives you greater choice of where you can use it.

The handset of a cordless phone rests on the phone base to charge the battery – at other times you can keep it with you so you can make and take calls in and around your home. Many cordless phones have a multi-handset facility where several handsets work off one base just by being plugged into an electric socket.

Letting your caller leave a message

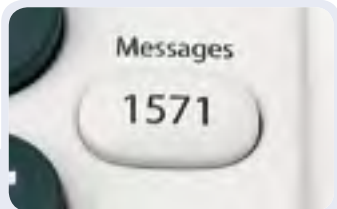
Using an answering machine or free BT Answer 1571 means a caller can leave a message for you to listen to when it's convenient to you. BT Answer 1571 answers your calls when you're not in or when you're already on a call. You can set up your own personal greeting so callers know they've called the right number.

BT Call Minder (additional fee applies) is similar to BT Answer 1571 but it lets you:

- store more messages
- set the number of rings before it cuts in
- pick up messages remotely when you're away from home

For more information on phones, see page 21.

For details of BT's Calling Features, see page 51.



Some phones, like the BT Big Button 100, have a dedicated 1571 button



Dexterity

If you find it hard to pick up a phone handset or hold it to your ear for a long time, maybe it would help to try a different phone – one which uses the latest technology and is designed for easy use.

The list below shows some of the latest features that could help. For more information on phones, see page 21.

- Easy grip handset.
- Hands free/headset option.
- Large or well-spaced buttons.
- Memory store so you need to press fewer buttons to make a call.
- Speed dial options – frequently used numbers stored under dedicated keypad buttons.
- Pre-dial facility to check you've keyed the right number before you dial.
- Wall mounting for more stability when you're dialling.
- Dedicated 1571 buttons so you can pick up messages easily with just one press.

If you find it hard to hold or handle The Phone Book, you might be able to get our 195 free directory enquiry service. For an application form, call the registration team on **0800 587 0195**.

We're open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.



Mental health and learning disabilities

Learning disabilities and mental health conditions can bring their own communication difficulties. So can problems with memory or understanding resulting from, for example, dementia, brain damage or the effects of a stroke. We don't have all the answers but here are some ideas that can help you keep your independence.



Don't make things complicated

Look for a phone with:

- large, clear, well-spaced buttons
- easily accessible memory buttons
- stored numbers that can be dialled with just one or two touches
- speed dial buttons
- large memory buttons with space for a picture of the person the button will call
- pre-dialling – this displays the number as you enter it, so you can easily fix a mistake. It also means that you can enter numbers at your own pace, with no worries about being disconnected before you've finished dialling

Avoid phones that:

- have lots of buttons or keys that can be confusing
- store functions behind menu options that you have to scroll through
- have 'soft keys' with multiple functions depending on where you are in the menu

If you can't or don't want to talk to people, look for a phone that lets you send and receive text (SMS) messages.

For more information on phones, see page 21.

Free 195 Directory Enquiries

If you find it hard to read or use The Phone Book, you might be able to get our 195 free directory enquiry service. To register, call the registration team on **0800 587 0195**.

We're open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Involuntary nuisance calls

Some people who are confused or unwell make repeat phone calls to certain numbers, sometimes many times a day, which is obviously a nuisance to those receiving the calls. If someone you know is making repeat calls, you might like to consider BT's Network Controlled Calling.

How Network Controlled Calling works

We'll work with you, a family member or principle carer, to agree a list of up to ten phone numbers that can be called. We then arrange a restricted service on the landline so that only these agreed numbers, the emergency services (999 and 112) and BT's Fault Repair Service (151) can be called. Incoming calls carry on as normal.

You can find out more about Network Controlled Calling, and download a booklet about it, at www.bt.com/ncc. Or you can email us at ncc.g@bt.com or call the Network Controlled Calling team on **0800 919 591**. We're open 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.



Network Controlled Calling isn't suitable if more than ten numbers often need to be called or if any of the listed numbers often need changing. In these cases, Call Barring, which helps control which types of calls can be made, might be more suitable – find out more at www.bt.com/callingfeatures



Our phones and features

The products on the next few pages have a variety of features that could help you if you don't find it easy to use the phone. For more information, go to www.bt.com/shop/accessable_products



Find the right phone for you

We've chosen our most useful range of phones for you but to help make it easier to choose a phone based on your particular need, look for the relevant icon.

I have difficulty...



Hearing



Speaking



With dexterity



Seeing



Moving around



Using technology

Corded phones

Converse 2200



- Hearing aid compatible
- Incoming voice amplification
- 11 quick dial memory buttons
- Hands free
- Ringer volume control
- Headset socket



Converse 2300



As Converse 2200, plus:

- 10 speed dial buttons
- 100 contacts
- Caller display¹ with 50 number calls list



Big Button 100



- Extra large buttons
- Incoming or outgoing voice amplification
- Incoming call indicator
- Message waiting indicator
- Easy 1 button redial
- Easy 1 button BT 1571 call
- Hands free
- Hearing aid compatible
- Ringer volume control
- 13 quick dial numbers
- Can be wall mounted



Decor 2100



- Large buttons
- Hearing aid compatible
- Incoming call indicator
- 10 quick dial keys
- 3 speed dial buttons
- 3 ringtones



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Paragon 550



- Digital answering machine with 16 minutes recording time
- Hearing aid compatible
- Incoming speech volume control
- Hands free function with on hook dialling and volume control
- Headset socket
- Caller display¹
- Text messaging²
- 100 contacts
- Call and message indicator lights
- Clock with call timer function
- White on black display with contrast control



Paragon 650



As Paragon 550, plus:

- Digital answering machine with 32 minutes recording time
- 200 contacts
- Mobile phone SIM card reader/writer
- Clock, calendar and alarm functions



Cordless phones

Freestyle 710



- Digital cordless
- Large buttons
- Large text display with backlit screen
- Incoming speech volume control
- Comfortable handset with non-slip grip
- Caller display¹ with 20 number calls list
- Ringer volume control
- Hands free
- 50 contacts
- 9 speed dial buttons
- Hearing aid compatible
- Low energy power supply and recyclable packaging



Freestyle 750



As Freestyle 710, plus:

- Digital answering machine with 15 minutes recording time
- Private message playback via handset



Studio 4100 Plus



- Digital cordless
- Amber backlit display
- Caller display¹ with 40 number calls list
- 50 contacts
- 5 handset and base ringer melodies
- 10 number redial list
- Clock and alarm
- Low energy power supply and recyclable packaging



Studio 4500 Plus



As Studio 4100 Plus, plus:

- Digital answering machine with 25 minutes recording time
- Private message playback via handset



BT ADSL Filter

A filter (or microfilter) cuts interference when used on a broadband line. You need to fit an ADSL filter to every phone socket that you use in your home.





- Digital cordless
- Digital answer machine with 27 minutes recording time
- Caller display¹ with 30 number calls list
- Hands free
- Four-line display with blue backlight
- Text messaging² with 40 text memory
- 10 polyphonic ringtones
- Low energy power supply and recyclable packaging



Baby Monitors 200 and 250

Not just for babies – with the BT Baby Monitor 250 (pictured) you get Hi-definition sound and vibrating alert to let a carer know that they're needed (up to 300m outside, 50m inside). There's a talk back facility to reassure you that your alert's been received and a handy belt clip for portability.



Accessibility features – your at-a-glance guide

Corded phones	Big Button 100	Decor 2100	Converse 2200	Converse 2300	Paragon 550	Paragon 650
Answering machine recording time					16 minutes	32 minutes
Batteries	4 x AA Alkaline					
Call indicator	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
Caller display ¹				Yes	Yes	Yes
Clock / Timer / Calendar / Alarm					Clock/timer	Clock/calendar/alarm
Hands free	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Headset socket			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Incoming speech amplification	Yes, and outgoing		Yes	Yes		
Inductive coupler: hearing aid compatible	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Intercom between handsets						
Keypad lock						
Large buttons	Yes	Yes				
Mains power needed				Yes	Yes	Yes
Memory store/directory	13		11	100	100	200
Message waiting indicator – Answerphone					Yes	Yes
Message waiting indicator – BT Answer 1571	Yes					
Multi-handset facility						
Pre-dial				Yes	Yes	Yes
Quick dial (two touch)	10	10		100	100	200
Receiver volume control			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
REN	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ring tone options	3	3	3	3	15	15
Ring volume options	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SMS (text messaging) ²					Yes	Yes
Speed dial (one touch)	3	3	11	10		

1 Caller display is free if you sign up for BT Privacy at Home, otherwise you'll need to pay a small monthly fee.
Find out more at www.bt.com/callingfeatures

2 As well as a text-enabled phone, you need Caller display to send text messages. Caller display is free if you sign up for BT Privacy at Home, otherwise you'll need to pay a small monthly fee.
Find out more at www.bt.com/callingfeatures

Cordless phones	Freestyle 710	Freestyle 750	Studio 4100 Plus	Studio 4500 Plus	Inspire 1500
Answering machine recording time		15 minutes		25 minutes	27 minutes
Batteries	2 X AAA NiMH	2 X AAA NiMH	2 X AAA NiMH	2 X AAA NiMH	2 X AAA NiMH
Call indicator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Caller display ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Clock / Timer / Calendar / Alarm			Clock/timer/alarm	Clock/timer/alarm	Clock/timer/alarm
Hands free	Yes	Yes			Yes
Headset socket					Yes
Incoming speech amplification					Yes
Inductive coupler: hearing aid compatible	Yes	Yes			
Intercom between handsets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Keypad lock	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Large buttons	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Mains power needed	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Memory store/directory	50	50	50	50	100
Message waiting indicator – Answerphone		Yes		Yes	Yes
Message waiting indicator – BT Answer 1571					
Multi-handset facility	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pre-dial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quick dial (two touch)			10	10	10
Receiver volume control	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
REN	1	1	1	1	1
Ring tone options	Handset and base	Handset and base	5	5	15
Ring volume options	Handset and base	Handset and base	Yes	Yes	Yes
SMS (text messaging) ²					Yes
Speed dial (one touch)	9	9	3	3	

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Phone features explained

Call indicator

Flashing light when phone rings

Caller Display

Displays the number that's calling

Contacts (also called phonebook, directory or name and number memory)

A list of frequently used numbers to dial using only one or two buttons

Hands free

Hold a conversation without picking up the handset

Headset

For a private, hands free call

Inductive coupler

Used with a hearing aid set to the 'T' setting for improved clarity of incoming speech

Intercom

Allows conversations between internal handsets

Keypad lock

Restricts dialling from that phone only (not all phones)

Multi-handset

Extra cordless handsets working from one base station without the need for additional wiring

Pre-dial

Check the dialled number on the display before connecting the call

Pre-recorded message

Outgoing message provided

Quick dial

Lets you call frequently used numbers by pressing two keys

Receiver volume control

Settings: off, low or high (not equivalent to full amplification)

REN

Ringling Equivalence Number, used to work out how many items can be connected to a phone line. If you go over four REN per line, the equipment might not ring

Ring tone option

Sets the pitch of the ringer

Ring time selector

Sets the number of rings before the answering machine cuts in

SMS (Short Message Service)

Text messaging

Speed dial (also called one touch memory)

Lets you call frequently used numbers by pressing one key

Speech amplification

Amplifies either the incoming or the outgoing speech through the handset

Voice prompts

Audible announcements to help with set-up and operation

Headsets

Not just for call centres, headsets can be just as useful at home.

- No need to struggle with a handset if you've poor dexterity or limited arm movement.
- No neck strain caused by holding the handset between your head and shoulder while you multitask.
- No background noise with a duo headset which lets you hear speech in both ears.
- If you've poor speech, a professional quality microphone picks up the sound directly from in front of your mouth.

The Accord 30 headset has a noise-cancelling microphone to reduce background noise and lets you choose between handset or headset options. You can get one at www.bt.com/shop or by calling **0800 917 0510**.



If you wear a hearing aid, the Jabra GN 2100 Telecoil headset might help as it can connect via the telecoil/inductive loop, which reduces background noise.

Phone accessories

We've a wide range of easy-to-install accessories such as extension cords, socket kits, loud ringers, bells and REN boosters. Find out more at www.bt.com/shop or call **0800 917 0510**

Pacemakers

Radio frequency signals used by cordless and mobile phones might interfere with the operation of a pacemaker. If you wear a pacemaker, we recommend that you check with a medical expert when choosing one of these products.

BT energy-efficient phones

All BT home phones are now more energy efficient, cutting your running costs by up to half and helping you use less of our planet's resources. To find out more about our energy-efficient phones, go to www.shop.bt.com/energysaving



Energy
efficient

For information on BT and the environment, go to www.bt.com/betterworld

We're always developing and introducing new products. For the latest details and special offers, go to our online shop at www.bt.com/shop or call **0800 917 0510**.

Mobile phones

BT doesn't sell mobile phones but we know that if you've a hearing or sight loss or poor dexterity, mobile phones can seem difficult or complicated to use. Here are some features to look for that you might find helpful.

- Compatibility with a hearing loop for use with hearing aids using the 'T' setting.
- Vibrating call or text alert.
- Volume control that's easily accessible.
- Backlit keypad to help you see the keys.
- Large screen display with adjustable text and background contrast.
- Large, well-spaced or recessed keys with a raised pip on or around the number 5.
- Hands free/loudspeaker.
- Voice dialling of phonebook entries.
- Headset option for privacy or when dexterity is a problem.
- Keys that click or beep to confirm when pressed.



Renting or buying from BT

Renting

When you rent a phone from BT, you get the peace of mind that it will be repaired or replaced if it develops a fault and you can exchange it for another product if your needs change.

We've a number of phones available to rent and it takes just one phone call to order and arrange delivery. A minimum rental period, delivery charges and returns policy apply.

Residential customers call	0800 800 150
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Business customers call	0800 800 152
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Buying

You can buy online from us at www.bt.com/shop (delivery charges and returns policy apply). Or call **0800 917 0510**.

BT's easy, no quibble, returns policy

If you aren't satisfied with any BT product you buy by phone, you can return it to us within 14 days for a complete refund. This doesn't affect your statutory rights.

If something goes wrong

Once you've bought a phone from BT it's yours. If it goes wrong, we'll maintain it while it's under warranty but if it needs a repair after that, you'll need to pay. We've some recommended repair agents who can help – call **08702 405 029** to find out more.

How to recycle your old phones

Phones are classed as Electrical or Electronic Equipment, so you shouldn't throw them out with normal household or commercial waste.

Instead, we support the responsible disposal of your BT phone at your local recycling centre. To find your nearest collection point, use the post code search at <http://recycle-more.co.uk/banklocator/banklocator.aspx> or see your local Phone Book.

It's all part of the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC) to recycle products using the best possible techniques, helping to minimise the environmental impact, treat hazardous substances safely and avoid too much landfill.

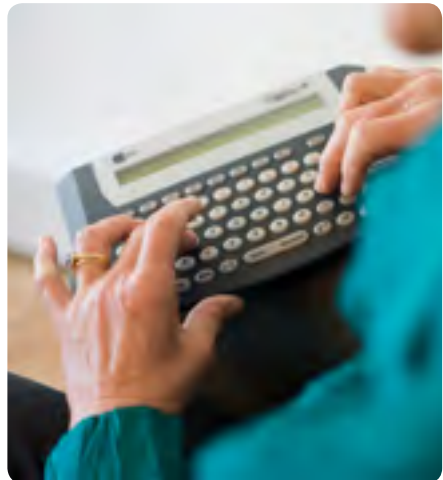


VAT

We have an inclusive design policy. This means that, while many of our products have features that help disabled customers, none of our phones are specifically designed for them. Under current HM Revenue and Customs rules, none of our phones are VAT exempt.

Try Before You Buy centres

At BT we understand how disappointing it can be to buy something from a high street shop only to get it home and find that it's not really what you need. By working in partnership with third-party Try Before You Buy (TBYB) centres, BT provides over 200 places where you can see, handle and try out our equipment to make sure it's suitable for your needs – without being pressurised by sales people.



TBYB centres are set up in disabled living centres or within organisations helping people with particular impairments. So you also get the expertise of professionals working in these centres.



New centres are regularly joining the network. To find your nearest Try Before You Buy centre, click on 'Try Before You Buy' at www.bt.com/includingyou



David Harris of deafPLUS Bath, a charity which benefits and promotes the welfare of deaf and hard of hearing people said:

“It’s vital that people with disabilities are able to communicate effortlessly with friends and relatives and we’re delighted to support this BT initiative which gives people with disabilities the chance to try before they buy.

“Keeping us up to date with new innovations means that we’re better able to advise our clients so that they can lead more independent lives.”



The internet – much more than just being online

So far in this booklet, we've shown how our phones and our services can help if you find communication something of a challenge. Now we'd like to talk about computers and the internet – and don't worry, it's not as scary as you might think.



We're surrounded by technology. We take it for granted and often use it instinctively – at home, at work and at play. In many ways, the computer's no different from other technology – it can help make our lives easier and save us time, usually at the touch of a button or two.

A whole new world of possibilities

With a computer and an internet connection, you can find information on just about anything and get a whole new take on life, including:

- managing your money online with internet banking
- staying in touch with friends by using social networks like Twitter (www.twitter.com) and Facebook (www.facebook.com)
- keeping up to date by reading or downloading your favourite newspaper
- making video calls to distant relatives, seeing them as well as talking to them

Get included online

And if you've a disability, the internet can help – perhaps in ways that you don't automatically think of, including new communication possibilities. For example, if you're deaf or hard of hearing, you can stay in touch with text-based services like instant messenger. If you use BSL, a webcam can help you sign to others over the internet.



You can also get involved, getting help or giving help, and sharing ideas and solutions, on our forum at <http://community.bt.com/>

BT Total Broadband

We've great-value BT Total Broadband packages to help you get online. All our broadband packages come with unlimited free BT Wi-fi, security, online storage, and lots of help if you need it. Here are a few of the things you get:

- a BT Home Hub with 'Smart Wireless' that chooses the strongest wireless channel
- security protection, including email anti-virus and spam filter
- free Family Protection software with parental controls
- generous online storage to help you protect and share your files and photos
- free 24/7 helpline and lots of online help options

Find out more at www.bt.com/broadband

Or you might be able to get BT Infinity, our super fast fibre broadband service. Find out more and check availability at www.bt.com/infinity



Don't worry about IT

Sometimes, computers don't behave the way we expect. Sometimes you need a bit of help setting things up. And sometimes things go wrong.

BT Tech Experts – a team of UK-based IT experts, available every day of the year – is ready to help answer your questions and fix your computer.

For a small monthly fee and a 12-month contract, you can have BT Tech Experts membership. Or choose BT Tech Experts – Pay as you go for a free no fix, no fee quote for a one-off problem.

For best peace of mind, choose BT Tech Experts membership, where you get help with things like:

- viruses, malware and spam
- getting the most from the internet
- spring cleaning your computer to get it running smoother
- keeping your computer up to date

Or if you prefer, choose our pay as you go service. All it takes is one phone call to explain the problem and get a free no fix, no fee quote for help with things like:

- setting up your computer, camera, printer and other devices
- protecting your computer with virus and spyware removal
- getting the fastest broadband speed you can
- keeping an eye on your kids when they're online, with parental controls
- installing or removing software

BT Tech Experts – Pay as you go also comes with a seven-day guarantee. If you get the same problem again within seven days, we'll fix it for free.

To find out more about BT Tech Experts, go to www.bt.com/techexperts or call us on **0800 328 8344**.

Making it easier to use a computer

In just the same way that you might find it helpful to have bigger buttons on a telephone, you might need to alter the way you see or use a computer. For example you can change the display on a computer screen – maybe changing the colours or making the text bigger will help you see the screen better. Or perhaps it'll help if you use specially developed software such as Browsealoud – which reads web pages aloud and highlights each word as it's spoken. And if you can't see a computer screen, there are specialised screen reader programs.

You might also find that a specially designed mouse or keyboard could help reduce discomfort you might get when using standard equipment, letting you concentrate on what you can do rather than on what you can't.

If you need help with making the web easier to use, go to the BBC's 'My Web My Way' web site at www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/

Extra help from BT

If you want some help getting online or if you want to help someone else get online for the first time, our **Get IT Together** scheme could be just the thing.

Get IT Together aims to help people discover the digital world with the help of a friend or family member.



www.bt.com/getit has a range of tailor-made guides for helpers, making it easy for someone already confident about using the internet to help you through the basic steps of getting online. And we've included a selection of guides for beginners too, including what you might need to get started.

Once you've gone through the basics, Get IT Together helps you to practice and explore the internet, either on your own or with your helper. We'll give you some ideas on what to do once you're online and offer a range of simple training courses, Online Basics. These are free and are the perfect next step for you to practice what you've learnt.

The courses are provided by our partner, UK online centres, with around 3,800 sites all over the UK where tutors and volunteers can help you complete the easy-to-use Online Basics courses in person. You can find your nearest centre in the 'Getting online' section at www.bt.com/includingyou

Get IT Together makes it really easy to unveil a whole new world.



Doreen's story shows how the internet can enhance your life

After her husband passed away, Doreen, 70, of Leeds, began to experience loneliness and feelings of social isolation. Doreen credits an IT course with Age Concern Leeds with helping her overcome this loneliness and opening up a new world of opportunity.

"The internet lets me stay in contact with my family abroad and also my friends locally. I've even made some new friends online! I encourage any older people who are feeling isolated or lonely to get online," said Doreen.

BT Community Connections

If you're part of a group that helps people get online and improve their Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills, you could be eligible for the BT Community Connections award scheme. Under this scheme, UK-based community groups and charitable organisations can apply for a year's free broadband connection. Since the scheme began in 2000, over 6,000 awards have been given.

To apply for an award, go to www.bt.com/communityconnections



Castle Community Network,
Scarborough



Breakthrough Youth Project,
Glasgow

BT Community Web Kit – web site builder

BT provides UK charities and community groups with free, simple to build web sites via the BT Community Web Kit service.

The web sites are straightforward to set up and maintain and provide a great way for community groups to reach out to people. Over 5,000 charities and community groups have already built web sites on the service and there are no set-up or hosting fees.

To find out more, go to www.btck.co.uk



Paying your BT bill – and ways we can help

Paying

We think it's good to offer you a choice of ways to pay your BT bill. It means you can choose the way that's easiest for you.

Monthly Payment Plan

With a Monthly Payment Plan, you make 12 equal payments a year, based on your previous usage. You pay by Direct Debit, so you always know how much is leaving your bank account – and when.

Whole Bill Direct Debit

With Whole Bill Direct Debit, you agree that we can take the whole amount of your bill from your bank account by Direct Debit, soon after your bill arrives, with nothing more for you to do.

Paper free and online billing

By managing your bills online, you can:

- keep down your home paper work
- keep your account information secure
- do your bit for the environment

And we email you when your bill's ready

BT Credit Card

With our credit card, you get competitive rates and a reward scheme that gives you money off your phone bill.



Charges

In some cases, we charge you. In line with other telecoms companies, we charge a processing fee if you don't pay by Direct Debit. To avoid this fee, you can easily set up a Direct Debit and online billing at www.bt.com/onlinebilling. Or call **0800 800 150**. The Payment Processing Fee doesn't apply to BT Basic customers.

If you're late paying your BT bill, we might charge you a late payment charge. This is charged to your next bill if you haven't paid ten days after the red reminder for a quarterly bill, or seven days for monthly bills. If you get a temporary payment problem, let us know and we'll see if there's anything we can do to help.

Call packages

People use their phone in different ways and at different times. Maybe you use yours mainly in the evenings. Or weekends? Or perhaps you make a lot of daytime calls. If you haven't checked recently, it might be worth seeing if you're on the best package for the way you use your phone.

You can see our latest deals and offers at www.bt.com
Or call **0800 800 150**.

Help with phone costs

The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act (CSDPA) gives local councils a duty to assess the needs of disabled people for help with the cost of a phone service and any necessary special equipment. Installation and rental costs might be included but not call charges. **Contact your local council** for more information.

BT Basic – help if you're on a low budget

We know that sometimes customers need a little extra help with a phone line. That's why we worked closely with telecoms regulator Ofcom to create BT Basic, a low-cost phone package that helps you keep in touch even if money's a bit tight.

The package is made up of a low-cost line rental and a call allowance. All the phone costs are very clearly priced to help you keep track of your spending and within budget.



If you go over your call allowance, you'll pay a set rate for normal UK calls and all other types of calls will be charged at standard BT Basic calling plan rates.

You can usually get BT Basic if you're getting one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Pensions Credit (Guarantee Credit)

For more information, go to www.bt.com/btbasic

When you rely on your phone

We know things don't always run smoothly and there might be times when you can't pay your bill, perhaps because you've had an accident or fallen ill and you're not around to pay. If you rely on your phone, we want to do what we can to keep you connected, so we've set up a number of schemes that could help.

Free priority fault repair

If you, or someone who lives with you, have a chronic long-term illness or disability and your phone is vital in an emergency, you might qualify for our Priority Fault Repair Scheme. Under the scheme, we'll look after your phone line free of charge and deal with any faults as soon as we can, day or night, every day of the year, including Christmas Day.



You can apply if you:

- rent your line from BT; or
- rent your line and equipment from BT

and you, or someone who lives with you:

- are registered as Chronically Sick & Disabled by your local authority social services under the Chronically Sick & Disabled Persons Act (CSDPA) 1970

or

- can't leave the house without help because of a chronic long-term illness or disability

To read or download our Priority Fault Repair Scheme guide and application form, click on 'Useful downloads' on the 'Help' page at www.bt.com/includingyou

Protected Services Scheme

This is a free scheme to help keep your phone line connected if you forget to pay your bill or if you can't pay due to special circumstances, such as an emergency hospital stay. Under this scheme, you nominate a second contact who we can contact about your bills.

To read or download our Protected Services Scheme guide and application form, click on 'Useful downloads' on the 'Help' page at www.bt.com/includingyou

Free hardwired socket conversion policy

If your phone's connected by an old-fashioned junction box (not a plug) and you're an older or disabled customer, you can ask us to convert your hardwired phone to a modern plug and socket. This way, you could plug in a community alarm and use a more modern phone with more useful features.

Community alarms

If you live alone and could have difficulty in an emergency, a community alarm lets you press a button that triggers a call for help at a command centre. Staff there will then take control of the situation. You can get an alarm service from your local authority, housing association, some charities or private suppliers. For more information, contact the Telecare Services Association at www.telecare.org.uk or call **01625 520320**.

Landline mis-selling

Sometimes, people are misled into signing up to a new phone service they don't want. In the worst cases, their phone service could be switched without anyone ever contacting them. For help avoiding this, see our guide 'Talk to the Hand', which you can read or download at www.bt.com/mis-selling



Unwanted phone calls

Your phone's a great way for you to stay in touch and for people to stay in touch with you. But you might sometimes get calls you'd rather avoid.

There are four main types of unwanted calls:

- marketing calls, where someone's trying to sell you something
- calls made by mistake, such as wrong numbers
- silent calls, when it seems there's nobody on the line
- malicious calls – calls that aim to distress you

While most unwanted calls are annoying, most are also harmless. Even silent calls aren't usually malicious – most are made by automated dialling equipment in call centres, trying to maximise the amount of time call centre agents spend speaking to consumers. Often, when you answer a call like this, the system tries to connect you to a sales agent but, if no agent is readily available, the call ends automatically and it seems like you've got a silent call.

The worst kinds of unwanted calls are those intended to annoy, inconvenience or worry you. They're also likely to be the most upsetting. We've put together a booklet that shows you what you can do about unwanted calls, how we can help and lots more information. For your copy, go to www.bt.com/unwantedcalls. Or call our Nuisance Calls Advice Line on **0800 661 441**. We're open 8am–10pm Monday to Friday and 9am–6pm Saturday.



Getting more from your phone

BT's calling features give you more control over your phone and calls, making it easier to stay in touch, make and take calls and pick up voicemail messages – and more. Some calling features are included at no extra cost with our calling plans. Some you need to pay for.

Calling features included with your calling plan

BT Privacy at Home

BT Privacy at Home gives you more control over incoming calls by letting you see the number that's calling you before you answer so you can decide whether to pick up the phone or leave it to your answering service. BT Privacy at Home registers you with the Telephone Preference Service (www.tpsonline.org.uk) and comes with Caller Display (free if you make a minimum number of calls with BT).

For more information, go to www.bt.com/btprivacy or you can set up Privacy at Home on **0800 121 8000**.

BT Answer 1571

A voicemail service that's always on – so you don't miss a call when you're out, can't get to the phone or you're on another call. BT Answer 1571 is free if you make some calls with BT. To set it up, just call **1571** from your home phone and follow the prompts.

BT 1471

Dial 1471 to get the number of the last person who called you.

Calling features you need to pay for

Caller Display

Lets you see the number that's calling you before you answer. So you can decide whether to pick up the phone or leave it to your answering service. You can get Caller Display free when you sign up for BT Privacy at Home.



Choose to Refuse

Helps block some nuisance and unwanted calls, including withheld numbers. Choose to Refuse lets you block up to ten numbers, including the last number you answered. You can check your list of blocked numbers at any time and change or unblock them if you want to.

Anonymous Call Reject

Blocks calls from withheld or anonymous UK numbers. If a caller in the UK withholds their number, they won't be able to get through to you. Calls from 'unavailable' numbers, such as calls from abroad, can't be blocked.

Call Sign

Get an additional number with a different ring tone. You can then give this number only to close friends and family so you can distinguish between incoming calls.

More calling features – your phone working for you

- **Call Waiting** is an alert that another caller is trying to get through to you.
- **Call Diversion** lets you divert your calls to another number when you're away from home. Depending on your calling plan, you might be charged for the diverted part of the call.
- **Ring Back** calls to let you know when an engaged number becomes free.
- **Call Barring** lets you control which calls are made from your phone.
- **Reminder Call** is an alarm clock on your phone.
- **3 Way Calling** is for when three callers need to join a call.
- **Call Minder** is a multi-feature answering service that lets you retrieve your messages from another landline or mobile, anywhere in the world.

Important things you should know

You need a fixed line phone with * and # buttons that make musical tones when you dial to use these services. Most modern phones have these buttons – but if you want a new one, go to www.bt.com/shop

If you're registered with the 195 service or get your BT bills in an alternative format, we'll waive the call return facility fee that applies to BT 1471 and BT Answer 1571.

Call Minder and BT Answer 1571 services produce an interrupted dial tone that's incompatible with some social and burglar alarms. Please check with your supplier.

For prices and more information on BT's Calling Features, go to www.bt.com/callingfeatures or call **0800 800 150**.

If you aren't with BT, contact your supplier to see if they offer similar services.



Help and how to contact us

Fixing a phone line fault

We aim to keep your phone line working and, if something goes wrong, we aim to fix it as soon as we can. And we've a customer service guarantee so you know what you can expect from us. For example, to keep you connected, we'll offer to divert your incoming calls to a number of your choice. Or, if we're late installing or repairing your phone line, you might be entitled to claim a daily-rate rental credit. See www.bt.com/terms for full details.



Free Priority Fault Repair Service

If you, or someone who lives with you, have a chronic long-term illness or disability and your phone is vital in an emergency, you might qualify for our Free Priority Fault Repair Service. See page 48 for details.

The service you can expect from BT

Our Codes of practice set out full details about what you can expect from BT. You can see them by clicking the link at www.bt.com or ask for a copy by calling **0800 800 150**.

If you've a complaint, go to www.bt.com and click on 'Contact BT'. This way, you won't have to write, print or post a letter to us and we can handle your complaint sooner. We've a customer complaints code that tells you more about how to complain, and how we handle complaints.

You can see the complaints code by clicking the link at www.bt.com or ask for a copy by calling **0800 800 150**. Or you can write to: Customer Service Manager, BT Correspondence Centre, Providence Row, Durham DH98 1BT.

No matter how you complain, we'll try to put things right as soon as we can. If you're unhappy with our response, the complaints code tells you what else you can do. If we reach a deadlock, you can usually refer your complaint to Ombudsman Services: Communications, a free independent service.

To contact Ombudsman Services: Communications:

Phone: 0330 440 1614, 01925 430049 or 0845 050 1614

Fax: 0330 440 1615 or 01925 430059

Textphone: 0845 051 1513 or 0330 440 1600

Email: enquiries@os-communications.org

Web site: www.ombudsman-services.org/communications.html

Operator services

Providing the 999 emergency service since 1937.

You can use operator services 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

100 – free UK operator assistance

155 – free international operator assistance

999 or **112** – free emergency services

18000 – free emergency services for textphone users.

Emergency SMS

If you've a mobile phone and can't use the normal 999 service, you can contact the emergency services by sending an SMS (text) message to **999**. You need to register your mobile phone before you can use the service. For more information, go to www.emergencysms.org.uk

Directory services

There are many independent providers of directory services as well as those available from BT. All are chargeable. BT's directory enquiry services are:

118 500 for UK numbers

118 505 for international numbers

118 404 for Welsh language directory enquiries

For free and unlimited searches online (including a Welsh language option) go to www.thephonebook.bt.com

If you find it difficult to use The Phone Book you might be able to get our 195 free directory enquiry service. For an application form, call the registration team on **0800 587 0195**. We're open from 9am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

BT's contact and service details

When you contact us, you'll usually need to quote your BT account number, which you'll find on your BT bill.

Your online starting point for all of BT's services is www.bt.com

To manage your own BT services, including seeing and downloading your bills, tracking your orders and getting the latest offers and help, go to My BT at www.bt.com/mybt

You can also find out how to get help and contact us at <http://www.bt.com/includingyou/help-support-contact.html>

If you prefer to contact us by phone, here's how:

0800 800 150 – for BT sales and service

0800 401 000 – for our BT Asian languages helpdesk where advisers can answer calls in Hindi, Gujarati, Urdu and Punjabi

0800 800 288 – for our BT Welsh language helpdesk

0800 800 151 – for faults

Live chat

If you find speaking difficult and have a question or need some help about BT's products and services, you can use Live chat, an instant-messenger style way to talk. Just go to the 'Help' pages at www.bt.com/includingyou, click through to Live chat via 'Contact us now' and type in your question.

We're open from 8am to 9pm, Monday to Friday.



Tweeting

If you use Twitter, you can contact us **@BTCare** and we'll tweet you back with help or suggestions. A lot of people find this a quick and easy way to contact us for help.



Facebook

We're also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BTUK

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